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SUBJECT:METROPOLITAN/HERMITAGE EXCHANGE

REF: A. MOSCOW 4141; B. STATE 49641

1. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED EXTEND INVITATION TO DEPUTY MINISTER S
OF CULTURE POPOV AND TWO OTHERS TO VISIT US FOR OPENING OF
HERMITAGE EXHIBIT AT METROPOLITAN MUSEUM APRIL 16. FOLLOW-
ING OPENING, DEPT PREPARED TO ARRANGE ONE WEEK TO TEN DAY
PROGRAM (UNDER IV PROGRAM), WHICH COULD INCLUDE BOLSHOI BAL-
LET OPENING AS WELL AS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND PERHAPS SAN
FRANCISCO. ADVISE MINCULT RESPONSE SOONEST AND SUBMIT PRO-
GRAM SUGGESTIONS.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM MINCULT THAT WE PLAN TO SEND
OFFICIAL US DELEGATION TO OPEN THE METROPOLITAN EXHIBIT IN
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LENINGRAD MAY 22. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON COMPOSITION AND INTER-

ESTS OF US DELEGATION.

3. FOR LENINGRAD: IF POPOV SHOULD VISIT SAN FRANCISCO,
WE WOULD EXPECT QUESTION OF SAN FRANCISCO-LENINGRAD CULTURAL
EXCHANGES WOULD AGAIN BE RAISED BY SAN FRANCISCANS.
REQUEST EARLY REPLY TO REFTEL B (PARA 4) ON WHAT TYPES OF
EXCHANGES LENINGRADERS BELIEVE MINCULT WOULD APPROVE. KISSINGER

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